GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF FILARIASIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight out of ten countries of the South East Asia are known to be endemic to filariasis;

(b) if so, whether India is among them; and

(c) the steps taken to eradicate this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): National Filaria Control Programme (NFCP) is operative in the country in highly endemic urban areas through 206 Filaria Control Units and 198 Filaria Clinics. 27 Survey Units are working for delimitation of the problem.

Implementation of the revised strategy for elimination of filaria through annual single dose mass drug administration has been initiated in 30 endemic districts.